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## HUGE RED ARMY REPORTED INVADING POLAND

### RAILWAY PRESIDENTS TELL THE EVENING WORLD THEIR STAND ON WAGES AND RATES

**Executives Agree on Necessity for Cut in Pay and Say Balance Sheet Must Forecast Lower Prices for Public All Around.**

One of the arguments advanced by the supporters of the proposed cut in the wages of railroad workers is that the decreased labor cost will automatically bring about a decrease in freight rates and passenger fares. Replies to telegrams of inquiry on this point sent by The Evening World to the Presidents of the leading railroads indicate that the prospect of railroad rates reduction is, to say the least, remote, even though the labor cost be substantially reduced. The consensus of railroad executive opinion appears to be that no reduction in rates or fares can be expected until the railroads are earning a surplus; that the railroads cannot earn a surplus until the volume of business is materially increased, and that such an increase is not to be expected for some time to come.

Following are the replies received:

**Reduction in Freight Rates Must Await Developments.**  
SAMUEL REA (President Pennsylvania Railroad).  
(By Wire to the Editor of The Evening World.)  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 14.—Answering your inquiry as to whether Pennsylvania is considering proportionate decrease in railroad rates, following reduction in salaries and wages, would say we have not considered any general reduction of rates at this time to be either appropriate or desirable, especially so long as the railroads cannot even earn their actual transportation and maintenance costs and taxes, and practically nothing at all by way of returns on their property investment. The working conditions under national agreements and high wages paid to railroad employees as compared with other industries are so out of line with present day business that they must first be adjusted. After that, it returns to railroads are anywhere near what was intended they should be under the Transportation Act, with respect to earning a fair return on property devoted to public use. Then would be the time to give consideration to reduction in transportation rates, but not before. It must be remembered that rates for transportation have been abnormally low for years in this country, and to-day they are still lower than prevail in any other country in the world. Railroads must be allowed reasonable earnings, not merely to sustain their credit but to give public service and aid industries by giving orders for materials and supplies.

**Says Rate Reduction Hangs on Dollar's Purchasing Power.**  
W. G. BESLER (President Central Railroad of New Jersey).  
(By Wire to the Editor of The Evening World.)  
Prior to 1914-15 this country had the lowest railroad rates and the freest railroad service in the world. A return to normalcy should bring about at least comparable conditions. As the purchasing power of the dollar increases, railroad rates and railroad fares may be reduced comparably without loss or injury to either the railroads or their employees, and to the manifest advantage of the public.

**Willard Thinks No Immediate Rate Reduction Possible.**  
DANIEL WILLARD (President Baltimore and Ohio Railroad).  
(By Wire to the Editor of The Evening World.)  
BALTIMORE, March 14.—I do not think that any wage reduction which could be justified at this time because of the decreased cost of living would be sufficient to enable the railroads, while business remains at its present level, to make any general reduction in rates and charges. While undoubtedly higher rates influence the movement of traffic to some extent, I cannot believe that higher freight rates have had any controlling effect upon the present volume of business.

The reasons for the present decline in business go much deeper than the mere matter of transportation rates, and are due to causes not difficult to locate. In short, we are now simply in the act of paying our share of the bill resulting from the combined efforts of all the principal nations in the world through a period of five or six years to destroy as much property and as many lives as possible. This, of course, does not imply that the result accomplished may not have been well worth the price.

**Will Ultimately Mean Lower Freight and Passenger Rates.**  
E. E. LOOMIS (President Lehigh Valley Railroad).  
(By Wire to the Editor of The Evening World.)  
Answering your inquiry, I believe the present action looking toward an equalization of railroad wages with those paid by other industries for the same class of work ultimately will mean lower freight and passenger rates. The one, however, cannot follow immediately upon the other if the commerce and industry of this country are to be given adequate transportation service. Until railroad operating expenses are reduced

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### PLEA IN STILLMAN CASE LIKELY TO BE MADE TO-MORROW

Wife's Counsel Plans to Argue  
For Permission to Amend  
Denial of Charges.

**MAY BREAK SECRECY.**  
Intimated That Steps Will Be  
Taken to Question Banker  
in Open Court.

No appearances were made before Justice Morschauer sitting to-day in the Supreme Court in White Plains in the James A. Stillman divorce case and its related actions. A representative of Mrs. Stillman said that her counsel contemplated appearing to-morrow for argument on a motion to show cause why she should not be permitted to amend her general denial of her husband's charges by adding to it assertions as to misconduct on his part.

A law clerk sent to White Plains on "outpost duty" by Mr. Stillman's attorneys said he rather thought the notoriety which the case had received despite every device to except it from court publicity would act to postpone all arguments indefinitely until, as he put it, "the matter is no longer a nine days' wonder."

This intimation followed the publication to-day of a plan attributed to Mrs. Stillman's attorneys to break the secrecy afforded by the taking of testimony before a referee and find a means of questioning Mr. Stillman in open court. The mystery of the whereabouts of Mrs. Stillman and her youngest son, Guy, has not been cleared, though there is reason to believe they are at the Stillman estate, Malabar, near Pleasantville, N. Y., an eighth of a mile from the home of John D. Rockefeller. Guards stationed at the gates there refuse to permit anyone to enter or to send in any message.

While it is known that Mrs. Stillman's lawyers have decided to abandon the defense and launch a vigorous attack on her banker husband, they have not intimated the nature of their plans.

John P. Brennan of Yonkers, of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, has obtained from Supreme Court Justice Morschauer an order to show cause why Mrs. Stillman should not receive permission to amend her answer for alimony and counsel fees and it is probable before Justice Morschauer in White Plains at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

When Mrs. Stillman made her original answer to her husband's complaint it merely contained a denial of

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### MEN WHO CUSS ON LINKS SHOULD NOT BE TEACHERS

Preacher Would Bar From  
Schools Those Who Grow  
Profane at Golf.

BOSTON, March 14.—SCHOOL TEACHERS who swear when they drive into the rough or lose a game of golf on an easy putt were censured by Rev. A. G. Conrad in the Park Street Church last night.

"Profane men should be ousted from our schools," he said. "The influence of teachers whose profanity on the golf links is unbridled is undesirable for our children. Our School Committee should choose men and women of moral aspirations."

### SIX IRISH PRISONERS HANGED AS 20,000 PRAY BEFORE JAIL; ALL DUBLIN CEASES WORK

Impressive Scene as Great  
Throng Kneels in Streets  
With Candles Held Aloft.

**WOMEN LEAD IN HYMNS.**

Lord Mayor Appeals to King  
and Prime Minister, but Fails  
to Get Reprieve.

DUBLIN, March 14.—Six prisoners convicted of complicity in the killing of British intelligence officers and members of the Crown forces in Ireland were executed in Mountjoy Prison, this city, this morning. The men were hanged in pairs at intervals of an hour.

Twenty thousand people gathered outside the prison during the hours that the executions were going on and all work in the city stopped until 11 o'clock. Even the post office was closed and telegraph service was suspended.

The scene in front of the prison was extraordinarily impressive. The crowd began assembling at dawn and by 6 o'clock the prison yard was packed. An hour later the crowd had filled the roadway leading to the prison and all the abutting streets. An altar had been improvised near the prison doors and on the walls and trees in the prison yard sacred images and pictures were hanged.

Everywhere candles were burned, scores of persons in the heart of the dense throng holding them aloft throughout the long vigil. Here and there groups of women led in prayers or hymns in which every one joined earnestly. Hundreds kneeling in the roadway were forced to rise when an armored car forced its way through the crowd. From 6 o'clock this morning it had paraded up and down in front of the prison. On the roof of the jail, overlooking the entrance, a cast iron sentry box had been erected overnight from which a soldier kept careful watch on the crowd.

Not since the executions following the 1916 uprising, with the possible exception of the hanging of Kevin Barry in November last for an attack on a military escort, has Ireland been more profoundly stirred. Although 6 o'clock had been fixed for the execution of the first pair, it was not until 8:20 that the crowd knew the fate of the prisoners. At that time the following notice was posted outside the jail gates:

"The sentence of the law passed on Thomas Whelan and Patrick Moran, found guilty of murder, and on Thomas Bryan, Patrick Doyle, Frank Wood and Bernard Ryan, found guilty of

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### INDUSTRY IN STATE SHOWS SMALL GAIN

Employment in February Grew 2  
Per Cent., First Increase Since  
Last March.

ALBANY, March 14.—Industrial depression in New York State was believed to have passed the low point with the publication to-day of the condition of factory work for February by the State Industrial Commission. The report shows a 2 per cent. gain in employment for February as compared with January. This was the first employment gain reported since last March.

### WAR ON POLAND REOPENED BY REDS, STOCKHOLM SAYS

Twenty Divisions, Including  
Artillery and Aviation Corps  
Reported Advancing.

**STOCKHOLM, March 14.**—The

Aftenbladet's Riga correspondent says to-day that from eighteen to twenty Bolshevik divisions are advancing against Poland in the districts of Smolensk, Vitolsk, Orsha, Mohilev and north of those places.

Artillery and naval corps accompany the infantry.

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Herbert Smyth of counsel to Mr. Stokes explained to the Court that at the time the complaint was drawn Wallace's name was not known and he was included in the designation "various men," with whom Stokes charged his wife was criminally intimate.

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### \$2,000,000 GIVEN TO JOHN DODGE

Father Who Left Estate of \$80-  
000,000 Cut Him Off With  
\$1,500 a Year.

DETROIT, Mich., March 14.—Settlement out of court of the contest instituted by John Dodge to break the will of his father, John F. Dodge, automobile manufacturer, was announced to-day.

Young Dodge bequeathed an annuity of approximately \$1,500, to be received \$100,000 of the estate estimated at \$10,000,000.

### APPEAL TO LEAGUE MADE BY GERMANY

Formal Protest Sent to General  
Against Penalties Imposed  
by Allies.

BRUSSELS, March 14.—The Government has addressed a note to the secretariat of the League of Nations, protesting against the penalties being enforced by the Entente for Germany's non-fulfillment of her reparations obligations.

### LITTLETON MAKES THREAT TO QUIT IN THE STOKES CASE

Objects to Admission of Name  
of Edgar T. Wallace in  
the Present Suit.

**CALLS ACTION UNFAIR.**

Justice Finch Suggests It  
Would Be Better to Thresh  
Out Entire Matter Now.

After a persistent effort to bar out all testimony having any reference to Edgar T. Wallace, who has been mentioned as a co-respondent in an added suit for divorce by W. E. D. Stokes, the Court ruled to-day that such evidence should be admitted.

Mr. Littleton had threatened to withdraw if this ruling should be rendered. A long legal argument resulted, culminating in the calling to the stand of Mrs. Mabel Matteson, who in 1914 lived at No. 12 East 35th Street, as the first new witness. She testified that during her residence at the above address Wallace had an apartment on the floor below.

The examination of Mrs. Matteson might have gone much further than her identification of a picture of Wallace had not Mr. Littleton, Mrs. Stokes's counsel, arisen to object on the ground that his opponents were attempting to bring irrelevant testimony into the case.

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### BIGGEST U. S. FLEET MAY GO TO PACIFIC

Experts Working Out Plans to Be  
Presented to President.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—American naval experts are considering making the Pacific fleet the big one, leaving only a few fighting ships on the Atlantic coast.

The project has been called to the attention of President Harding, and experts are preparing tentative plans for submission to Secretary Dugan.

Such a transfer of America's main fleet to the Pacific might necessitate a complete reorganization of the West coast, Hawaii and the Philippines. This is being considered by the navy experts.

The new Pacific fleet probably would be under command of Admiral Henry H. Wilson, now Commander of the Atlantic fleet. Admiral Rodgers, at present Commander of the Pacific fleet, is likely to be relieved in the near future.

### MAN CAPTURED AT KEYPORT SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED KILLING WOMAN ORGANIST

Believed to Have Held Up Another  
Woman Several Hours After the  
Murder at Perth Amboy—Blood  
Stains Alleged to Have Been Found  
on His Clothing.

A negro, suspected of having murdered Mrs. Edith Marshall Wilson, the pretty church organist and music teacher, whose body was found on a vacant lot near her home at No. 78 Centre Street, Perth Amboy, Saturday night, was arrested to-day at Keyport, N. J.

The prisoner, whose name was withheld by the police, was taken to Perth Amboy and questioned by Police Chief Punison and Lieut. Lawrence A. Long, after which he was sent to the county jail at New Brunswick.

It was declared by one of the detectives who attended the examination of the prisoner that he confessed to killing Mrs. Wilson.

Beyond expressing confidence that they have the right man, the authorities declined to give much information about the prisoner. The man is said to have bloodstains on his clothing, and this is believed to have furnished one of the clues that led to his arrest.

Harvey E. Wilson, a church organist with offices in Fulton Street, Manhattan, the husband of the slain woman, walked into Perth Amboy Police Headquarters at noon to-day. He proved to the satisfaction of the investigators that he had been playing bridge at the Harvard Club in New York at the time of the murder. There was nothing in the investigation at any time to connect him with the crime, but the police sought him to see if he could give any valuable information. Mr. Wilson had been living apart from his wife, owing to some minor disagreement.

The police believe the slayer may be the same man who robbed another woman following the murderous attack on Mrs. Wilson. Miss Fanny Miller, twenty-four years old, who lives at Princess Bay, Staten Island, reported to-day that she was on her way to the Totenville Ferry at 12:30 Saturday night when, at Smith Street and Wallace's Lane, Perth Amboy, a man leaped at her.

"The storm was at its height and Miss Miller said she was not able to see her assailant clearly enough to furnish a detailed description of him. She saw, however, that he was about 5 feet tall and that he wore no overcoat. He snatched her purse, containing \$12, and fled just as Policeman Patrick Dwyer appeared. The policeman chased him, but he escaped."

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